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**RECOGNIZING APRIL 21 THROUGH 27, 2003 AS NATIONAL "TELEVISION
TURN OFF WEEK".**

**WHEREAS, Santa Fe public schools and other community
organizations are committed to the promotion of activities that
will result in the good health and well-being of the citizens
of New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, these organizations recognize that the citizens
of New Mexico have the right and the responsibility to
determine the role of television in their lives and to balance
watching television with other activities that encourage
positive family and community interaction; and**

**WHEREAS, participants in the national "Television Turn Off
Week" will engage in a broad range of television-free
activities that will foster greater social, physical, academic**

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1 and creative development, resulting in improved quality of life
2 for those individuals and their communities; and

3 WHEREAS, many individuals and organizations in Santa Fe
4 and in other communities in New Mexico, including educators,
5 clergy, business professionals, health care providers,
6 environmentalists, artists and others, recognize that
7 television can have an enormous impact on health and social
8 concerns; and

9 WHEREAS, reduced television watching leads to healthier
10 lifestyles and attitudes by decreasing exposure to the
11 depiction of violence, substance abuse and unrealistic sexual
12 attitudes; reduces obesity by providing more time for physical
13 exercise; and improves literacy by providing more time for
14 reading; and

15 WHEREAS, the week of April 21 through 27, 2003 has been
16 promoted nationally as a week to turn off television and pursue
17 healthy and educational activities;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that April 21 through 27, 2003 be
20 recognized as national "Television Turn off Week".